

Claims

1. A method for providing information to a user in a system that comprises a first electronic device (300) and a second electronic device (400), said second electronic device (400) comprising means for providing at least one control signal to said first electronic device (300), said first electronic device (300) comprising receiving means (314) for receiving said control signal, a storage medium (303) for storing information, providing means (309) for providing said information to the user and, **characterized** in that the method comprises of steps where
 - the user places the first electronic device (300) at a distance from the second electronic device (400) for causing the first device to activate the receiving means (101),
 - the first device detects the control signal and compares it with signal codes stored in the first electronic device (102, 103, 104) and
 - the first device performs at least one command on the basis of the comparison (105).
2. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the first device (300) further comprises a calendar application and that the first electronic device performs at least one command causing the first electronic device to retrieve and provide information to the user from the calendar application.
3. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the first device (300) further comprises a phonebook application and that the first electronic device performs at least one command causing the first electronic device to retrieve and provide information to the user from the phone book.
4. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the control signal is one of the following: an ascii code, a command of a computer language, a command of a scripting language or a native binary executable command.
5. An electronic device (300) for providing information to a user, the device comprising a storage medium (303) for storing information, providing means (309) for providing said information to the user, **characterized** in that the electronic device (300) further comprises
 - receiving means (314) for receiving a control signal,
 - linking means (306) for linking at least one control signal stored in the electronic device to at least one command, which is executed in the electronic device,

- detecting means for detecting (307) the received control signal and comparing the received control signal with signal codes being linked and stored in the electronic device and

5 - performing means (301, 302) for performing at least one command on the basis of said comparison.

6. An electronic device according to claim 5, **characterized** in that the receiving means (314) are arranged to receive the control signal wirelessly as a radio frequency signal.

10 7. An electronic device according to claim 5, **characterized** in that the electronic device further comprises a calendar application and that the performing means (301, 302) are arranged to perform at least one command causing the electronic device to retrieve and provide information to the user from the calendar application.

15 8. An electronic device according to claim 5, **characterized** in that the electronic device further comprises a phonebook application and that the performing means (301, 302) are arranged to perform at least one command causing the device to retrieve and provide information to the user from the phone book.

20 9. An electronic device according to claim 5, **characterized** in that the performing means (301, 302) are arranged to provide the information as at least one of the following: audible information or visual information.,

25 10. An electronic device according to claim 5, **characterized** in that the electronic device is a wireless communication device operating in a wireless communication network.

30 11. A computer program product for an electronic device (300) for providing information to a user, the device comprising a storage medium (303) for storing information, providing means for providing said information to the user, and receiving means (314) for receiving a control signal, **characterized** in that the computer program product comprises

35 - computer program code for causing the electronic device (300) to detect the control signal and compare the control signal with signal codes linked and stored in said electronic device and,

- computer program code for causing the electronic device (300) to perform at least one command on the basis of the comparison.